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NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be held on Nov. 12 at 8.P.M. at the Orinda Library. The Orinda Historical Society will be our host for this meeting. Del Loper will speak on the history of the Orinda Country Club. This club recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and this topic should be of interest to all in the central county area.

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ORAL HISTORY

Mr. Braeme Gigas has taken an oral history from Mr. Frank Lucas, a long time resident of this area.

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MUSEUM TOUR

On October 12, more than thirty Lafayette Historical Society members and friends joined Oakland Museum Docents for a tour of the newly completed 20th Century area of the Cowell Hall of California History.

Following coffee in the museum restaurant, an overview of the entire history gallery was enjoyed as well as a thorough look at the newest area of this exciting history collection. Artifacts and photos from the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition brought back memories for some of us, while some of the youngest visitors marvelled at the vintage 1925 Locomobile which dominates one area of the 20th Century gallery. All agreed that this newest exhibit of California memorabilia would be well worth another visit.

Mary McIvor, Dorothy Helmick and Carol Leland have our thanks for so ably leading the tour.

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LANDMARKS

This is the last month to see the current display "Farming in Contra Costa-1889-1935" that is being shown in the Landmarks Display Room at Lafayette Federal Savings and Loan. The new "Holiday" exhibit will be shown after Nov. 15th.

A Landmarks committee has decided to recommend to the City Council that Lafayette adopt a Landmarks Ordinance that is similar to the used by the city of Concord. Councilman Walter Costa will draw up the ordinance and present it to the City Council.

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DEDICATION CEREMONY

As part of the BiCentennial observance the Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution plan to dedicate a Redwood tree. The group will plaque the tree that is in front of the Redwood apartments on Dewing Street. This dedication is in honor of Mrs. Harvey Blanchard Lyon (Eleanor Richards) a long time resident of Lafayette who, with her husband, developed Happy Valley Road. She was organizing regent of the Acalanes Chapter of DAR in 1955. The ceremony will take place November 18th at 1 P.M. at the Dewing St. location and all friends and members of the Lafayette Historical Society are invited to attend.